

Appl. No. 10/612,859
Examiner: Thao P Le, Art Unit 2818
In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-24, and for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 12, 2004 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented.

Present Status of Application

Claim 1-24 are pending. In the office action mailed on May 12, 2004, the Examiner closed prosecution as to the merits in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* with the indication that the application was in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Specifically, the specification and claims 7 and 14 were objected to.

In this paper, Applicant has amended the specification and claims 7 and 14 in accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner. In addition, several typographical errors in the specification and in claim 1 have been corrected as shown above. Finally, claims 13 and 21 have been amended to delete the language "such as silicone dioxide" to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC 112. Support for the amendments can be found on page 10, lines 13-17 of the specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

Respectfully submitted,



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